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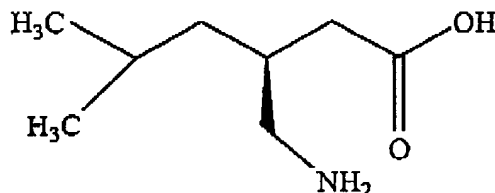
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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner required that Applicants elect a single species of alpha2delta ligand as well as a single species of disorder or condition. In response to the Examiner's election of species requirement, Applicants elect pregabalin, which is (S)-3-aminomethyl-5-methyl-hexanoic acid, as the alpha2delta ligand, and restless leg syndrome as the disorder or condition.

Pregabalin is a compound of the formula II, as set forth in claim 17, wherein R¹ is hydrogen, R² is aminomethyl and R³ is methyl. Pregabalin has the following chemical structure:



By the above amendments, Applicants have added new claim 20, which depends from claim 12 and specifically claims a method of treating restless legs syndrome by administering pregabalin.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee or credit any over payment in connection with this communication to our Deposit Account No. 23-0455.

Respectfully submitted,

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